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SUBJECT: CUBANS FISHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS

1. THE MIAMI CBS-TV STATION CARRIED A FILMED NEWS REPORT ON JAN 4 SHOWING SIX CUBAN FLAG FISHING BOATS FISHING TWO HUNDERED YARDS OFF LONG ISLAND. AN INTERVIEWER ABOARD ONE OF THE BOATS WAS TOLD BY THE CUBANS THAT THEY WERE FISHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS BACAUSE THEIR GOVERNMENT SAID THEY COULD FISH ANYWHERE THEY WANTED. BAHAMIANS ON SHORE COMPLAINED TO THE REPORTER THAT THEIR LIVELIHOOD WAS BEING THREATENED BUT THE GCOB WOULD NOT COME TO THEIR ASSISTANCE. THE CUBANS WERE REPORTED TO BEING FISHING FOR GROUPER.

2. THE LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS ELEVEN CUBAN FISHING BOATS IN THE VICINITY OF RAGGED ISLAND. THE POLICE MARINE DIVISION HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

3. THE POLICE BOATS REMAIN IN PORT AT NASSAU. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THEY WERE OUT OF FUEL. COMMENT: THERE IS NO MARINE DIESEL SHORTAGE, LOCAL PLEASURE FISHING BOATS HAVE HAD NO TROUBLE KEEPI*G THEIR TANKS FULL.

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ONE BAHAMIAN COMMENTED TO AN EMBOFF THAT IF THESE

WERE FLORIDA BASED BOATS, THE POLICE BOATS WOULD BE
RIGHT ON THE SCENE. THE EMBASSY HAS FOR SOME TIME
SUSPECTED THAT THE GCOB HAS TRIED TO AVOID FISHING
CONFRONTATION WITH CUBA.
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